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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN THE APPLICATION OF:  
Froyland et al.

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PLANNING, DESIGN AND PROCESSING

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**Response to Non-Final Rejection**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Rejection mailed June 4, 2008, for which Applicants request a two-month extension of time, please reconsider the claims in view of the following.